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SUMMARY: IN A LONG UNSIGNED EDITORIAL, PRAVDA HAS ROUNDLY DENOUNCED THE JCP'S OPEN LETTER ON THE SOVIET-JAPANESE "TERRITORIAL QUESTION." THE ARTICLE MAKES THE USUAL SOVIET ARGUMENTS ABOUT THE ISSUE, BUT ADDS SPECIFIC CHARGES OF JCP INCONSISTENCY. IT ALSO CHARGES THE JCP WITH "CHAUVINISM" IN SELLING OUT TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT POSITION. THE EDITORIAL THUS REFLECTS NOT ONLY THE POOR STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT ACUTE BITTERNESS ABOUT THE JCP POSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. PRAVDA (JUNE 12) CARRIES A MAJOR UNSIGNED EDITORIAL ENTITLED "CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF PEACE
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AND GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS", REPLYING TO THE RECENT JCP "OPEN LETTER" TO THE CPSU ON THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION. THE EDITORIAL (ASSUME DEPT AND TOKYO HAVE TEXT) IS VERY HARSH IN TONE AND CONTAINS THREE KEY ELEMENTS:

-- IT REITERATES THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION, INCLUDING THE CHARGE THAT THE

JAPANESE CLAIMS "TO SOVIET LAND" ARE "UNLAWFUL."

-- IT ACCUSES THE JCP OF INCONSISTENCY BY CITING A 1959 STATEMENT BY JCP GENERAL SECRETARY MIYAMOTO THAT JAPAN ACCEPTED THE POTSDAM DECLARATION AND THEREBY GAVE UP THE KURILE ISLANDS, INCLUDING THE SOUTH KURILES. THE EDITORIAL ALSO CITES (FROM AKAHATA, MARCH 25, 1959) MIYAMOTO'S STATEMENT THAT THE JAPANESE CLAIMS FOLLOW THE U.S. POLICY OF "PROPAGATING HATRED" BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE USSR. THE EDITORIAL ALSO QUOTES AN "AKAHATA" STATEMENT OF OCTOBER, 1964, THAT PRO-MAOIST VOICES IN JAPAN WERE USING THE ISSUE TO "PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF U.S.-JAPAN REACTION IN ITS MACHINATIONS."

-- IT CHARGES THE JCP LEADERSHIP WITH "TURNING TOWARDS CHAUVINISTIC, NATIONALISTIC ATTITUDES." IN THIS THEY EVEN SURPASS THE RULING PARTY, IT SAYS, AND SUCH A DEPARTURE FROM "MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATINALISM" CAN ONLY DAMAGE THE JCP AT HOME AND ABROAD. THE JCP HAS WRONGLY CITED THE MARXIST-LENINST "CLASSICS," BUT "REAL MARXIST-LENINSTS" SHOULD REMEMBER LENIN'S INJUNCTION NOT TO TURN BOUNDARY QUESTIONS INTO DISPUTES BETWEEN COMMUNIST.

2. COMMENT: THE INTENSITY OF THE EDITORIAL GOES WELL BEYOND THE TONE OF BREZHNEV'S RECENT ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED BY "ASAHI SHIMBUN" (REF A), AND SHOWS REAL ANGER AT THE JCP FOR ALLYING ITSELF WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAPAN'S "NATIONALISTIC" POSITION. THUS THE EDITORIAL SEEMS INDICATIVE NOT NLY THAT SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS HAVE FALLEN TO THEIR LOWEST POINT IN RECENT YEARS BUT THAT THE SOVITS DESPAIR OF FINDING SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION EVEN FROM THE PARTY WHICH, THEORETICALLY, OUGHT TO BE ON THEIR SIDE.
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